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DATE: September 25, 2014

TO: Legislative Finance Committee

FROM: Roger Lloyd, Senior Fiscal Analyst

RE: Department of Livestock

At your last meeting I was asked to determine where the deferred revenue was spent in FY 2012 and 2013 from brand fees as noted in the Legislative Audit Division's financial compliance audit. All of the revenue was spent in the Brands Enforcement Division for current year operations such as personal services, operating, and equipment. In addition to brand re-record fees, the division receives revenue from multiple other sources. No other program receives funding from the division.

Since your last meeting, the Board of Livestock has approved the following measures to address a shortfall in FY 2015:

Revenue increases in:

- Brand inspections
- Per capita fees
- Diagnostic laboratory

Reductions in vacant positions and staff

In addition to the above, the board requested \$815,000 general fund above the current level of funding for the 2017 biennium from the Governor for the diagnostic laboratory.